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All Meetings Cancelled Until Futher Notice

To BE CONTINUED...

For everyone's safety, all monthly meetings been suspended until September 2020. It is our hope that we will be able to continue our summer lunches.

Our Officers will continue to meet via Zoom to continue the important business at hand and we will advise you as they occur.

Be safe and keep in touch



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Message From The President - Joan D'Amato -



Order Sons and Daughters of Italy

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

There is no way to sugar-coat what is going on in our lives. This pandemic has wreaked havoc with our existence. We will get through this together. We hope everyone has had a Blessed Easter. When I was growing up on the West Side of Manhattan, we were dressed to the nines for Easter Sunday Services; new hat, dress, and white gloves. This year we watched Easter Mass on television. Our apparel now is rubber gloves and a face mask.

I want each one of you to know how important you are to me and to the Sons And Daughters of Italy. We may not be able to meet, but we are still together as a family and we will be keeping you aware of our situation. It is important that we are connected in the days ahead. There will be monthly updates in our newsletter and website, as well. We sure went out on a good note, Our March meeting was a great success. Our entertainment played to a packed house.

There will be no meetings or activities for the months of APRIL AND MAY. Please keep in mind we do not have meetings for June, July, or August. Hopefully we will be able to get together for our summer lunches. I am here for anyone that wants to talk or has questions, and you can or email me with any questions, ideas or concerns. The most important thing right now is that everyone remains safe and follow the guidelines. We will be back in September, God willing, and hopefully have a new meeting place that will be a lot more convenient. Your Board of Directors will be working all summer long through video conferencing to ensure the success of the Bonanno Lodge.

Please pray for those health care workers and first responders and those who keep our Country Going. Stay well, we will be together soon.



Order Sons and Daughters of Italy

Cari Fratelli e Sorelle,

Non c'è modo di addolcire quello che sta succedendo nella nostra vita. Questa pandemia ha devastato la nostra esistenza. Ce la faremo insieme. Speriamo che tutti abbiano avuto una Santa Pasqua. Crescendo nel West Side di Manhattan, eravamo vestiti alle nove in punto per la Messa di Domenica di Pasqua: cappello nuovo, vestito e guanti bianchi. Quest'anno abbiamo guardato la Messa in televisione. Il nostro abbigliamento ora è guanti di gomma e una maschera per il viso.

Voglio che ognuno di voi sappia quanto siete importanti per me e per i Figli e le Figlie d'Italia. Potremmo non essere in grado di incontrarci, ma siamo ancora insieme come famiglia e vi terremo al corrente della nostra situazione. È importante che siamo collegati nei prossimi giorni. Ci saranno aggiornamenti mensili nella nostra newsletter e sito web, pure. Siamo sicuramente usciti di scena con buoni propositi; il nostro incontro di marzo è stato un grande successo. Il nostro intrattenimento è stato accolto da tutti quanti.

Non ci saranno riunioni o attività per il mese di MAGGIO. Tenete presente che non avremmo riunioni per giugno, luglio e agosto. Speriamo di essere in grado di stare insieme per i nostri pranzi estivi. Sono qui per chiunque voglia parlare o abbia domande, e potete inviarmi e-mail con qualsiasi domanda, idea o interesse. La cosa più importante in questo momento è che tutti rimangano al sicuro e seguano le direttive. Torneremo a settembre, Se Dio vuole, e speriamo di avere un nuovo luogo di incontro che sarà molto più conveniente. Il vostro Consiglio di Amministrazione lavorerà per tutta l'estate attraverso le videoconferenze per garantire il successo del Bonanno Lodge.

Pregate per gli operatori sanitari e i primi soccorritori e per coloro che mantengono avanti il nostro Paese. State bene, e saremo insieme presto.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2020



If you wish to announce a special event, please send your Information to me no later than the 23rd of each month.

JANUARY

14 Potluck Dinner
Nominations
19 Charo

FEBRUARY

11 Elections and Pizza
20 Jungle Queen River Boat
Cruise and Dinner

MARCH

10 Pasta Night Meeting
16 Calder Race Track and Casino
25 Sicilian Tenors
29 Picnic with our Lodge and
Italian American Club

APRIL

8 Caruso / Karaoke Again
14 Porchetta Dinner
TBD

CANCELLED

MAY

12 Mozzarella Cancelled
TBD Outside Event

CANCELLED

JUNE

TBD Monday Lunch

JULY

TBD Monday Lunch

AUGUST

TBD Monday Lunch

SEPTEMBER

8 Potluck
TBD Event

OCTOBER

13 Meeting Speaker
TBD Event

NOVEMBER

10 Meeting Veterans
TBD Event

DECEMBER

3 or 4 Christmas Festa TBD
TBD Event

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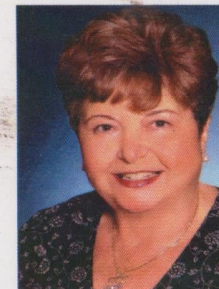


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Mother Teresa



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WHAT ITALIANS GAVE TO AMERICA

IN 1933, THE LITTLE FLOWER, FIORELLO LaGUARDIA, WAS THE FIRST ITALIAN AMERICAN ELECTED TO THE OFFICE OF MAYOR OF NEW YORK CITY. MAYOR LaGUARDIA WAS TOUGH, HONEST AND COURAGEOUS & CALLED NEW YORK'S GREATEST MAYOR.

DON AND ANGIE MEMORIAL LODGE SCHOLARSHIP

OUR LODGE'S DON AND ANGIE ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS SELECTION CAME TO A CLOSE ON APRIL 1st. RECIPIENTS OF THE AWARD WERE KATIE MILLER, UNIVERSITY of CENTRAL FLORIDA, GRANDDAUGHTER OF MARJORIE MILLER AND KELLY AGLIO, THE UNIVERSITY OF BUCKNELL, GRANDDAUGHTER OF GENEVIEVE AGLIO.

OUR LODGE MEMBERS REACH OUT TO THANK THE DON & ANGIE SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDERS FOR THEIR MANY YEARS OF SUPPORT.



FROM ITALIA RAFFAELE GUELI

AMOR PATRIAE NOSTRA LEX

Amor Patriae Nostra Lex, in Latin means: "the love of our country is our law". But who is a true patriot? I must sincerely concede that while us Americans are exaggeratedly, blatantly and lavishly patriots, many Italians, in my opinion, are not true patriots. Or if they are, they do not know the profound sense of patriotism that we feel. Every culture is unique. Our dictionary defines patriotism as: the feeling of love, pride, devotion and sense of attachment to a homeland.

In the USA most of us exhibit the stars and stripes all year round in front of our homes (I did it when I was living in Massachusetts) and the flag is displayed in all public buildings, banks, schools, post offices, sport arena and stadiums, etc. We have been taught in school that the flag must be respected, must never touch the ground and should not be trampled, soiled or used offensively as it represents our homeland. When our national anthem is performed, it is customary to stand up, uncover our heads and bring our right hand over our heart. The military, and all members of the uniformed police forces, stand at attention and salute.

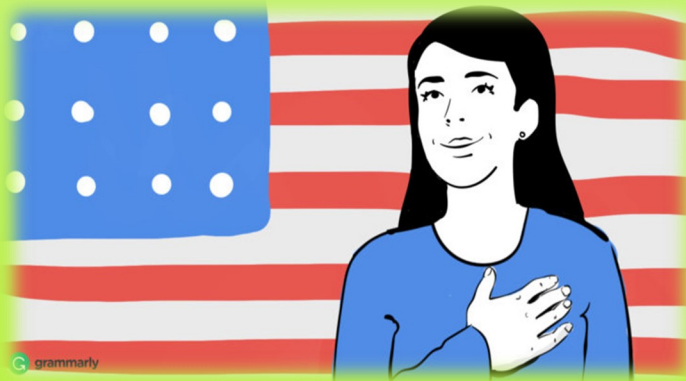
Here in Italy, the flag does not even get displayed on June 2nd, (Republic Day), but hangs from balconies only occasionally whenever the Italian national soccer team

plays in the World Cup. When the Italian national anthem is played, there are people who do not stand up and continue talking or using their smartphone as if respect for the national anthem is something trivial or insignificant. Members of the police force do not perform a military salute. It is reprehensible when not even journalists and sport commentators, as well as the staff of local television network, stand up. This is an irreverent lack of respect. Not to mention those who keep on screaming or making noise or beating the drums in the sport arena and stadiums. There is not even an Italian flag waving, and not just while the national anthem is performed, at which time it is customary to either sing (as I always do) or remain respectfully silent.

Here in Italy silence is not even observed when requested to make a moment of silence. Most Italians prefer to clap their hands. By all means, hands can be clapped before or after but never during that moment of recollection. I fail to understand which

part of the sentence is not clear. Unfortunately, incited by the mass, everyone starts to applaud, as if the majority would dictate law for all the sheep to copy. I can assure you by personal experience that Australians are highly patriotic, perhaps not as excessively as us, but much more than homeland Italians. Don't they proudly feel a strong sense of nationality? Don't they feel a fervent sentiment of devotion for their country? Of course, Italians do, yet sometimes they are ashamed to openly demonstrate these feelings. I know that I am a true Italian patriot, and above all, a true American patriot. God bless America.

However, that being said, I am happy to report that never before have I seen so many tricolored flags waiving from windows and balconies in these dire times as we fight our war against the Coronavirus pandemic. Homeland Italians are reluctant when it comes to expressing patriotic feelings in public, nevertheless they certainly do when the love for the country calls them to fight. **Viva L'Italia!**



SAVE THE DATE

Friday April 3, 2020

Dining with Cucina Caruso, Part 2

Where: Cucina Caruso— 4165 N. Dixie Hwy, Oakland Park, FL

Time : 6:00PM

Music: Italian Music

Cost: \$32 Members \$45 Guests

Menu: Four Course Dinner, like last Year last year

Payment due by March 26, 2020

Checks made out to Sgt. Bonanno and mail to Angie Torres Catania at 18766 Candlewick Drive, Boca Raton, FL 33496 or call 787-221 0785

Tell your friends!



SAVE THE DATE

Tuesday May 12, 2020

8th Annual Mozzarella Making

Where: Boca Masonic Lodge 4093
NW 4th Ave. Boca Raton

Time : 6:30 PM sharp!

Cost: \$15 Members \$20 Guests

Reservation by April 9, 2019-

**Maestro Dominic Caruso will be bringing his delicious mozzarella
and antipasti again for us to enjoy. Enough said, see you there!**

Please bring your friends.

**We need a head count so PLEASE be courteous and contact ASAP:
Angie Torres-Catania at 787-221-0785 early. Honor System.**



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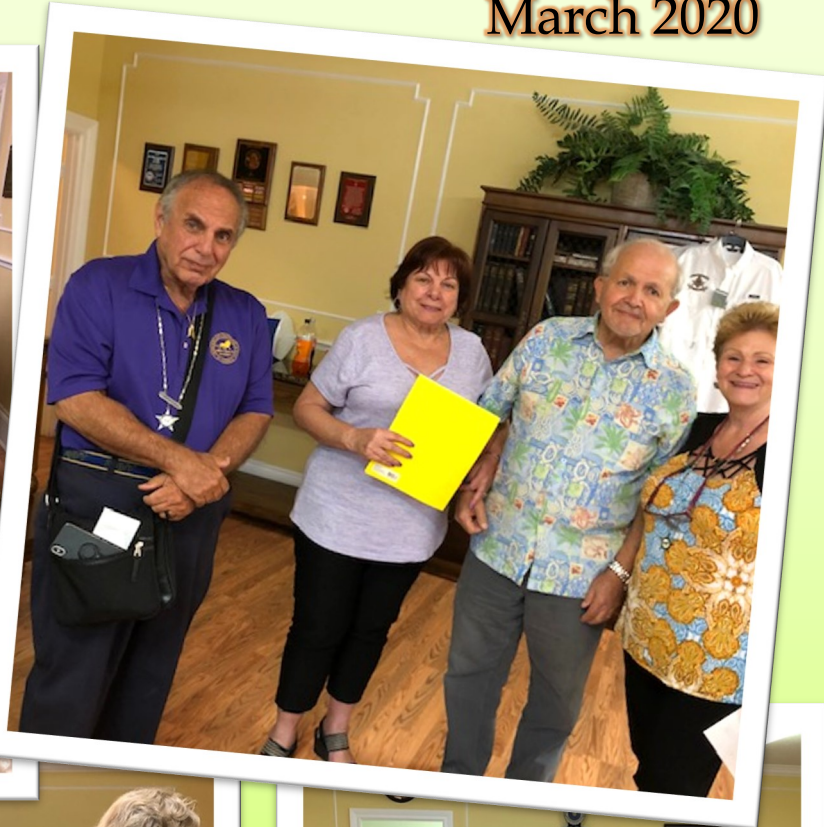
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The Floridian

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If you find mistakes in our publication, PLEASE consider they are there for a purpose and remember that we publish something for everyone, because some people are always looking for mistakes! EC

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Lodge Meeting at 7 PM on second Tuesday of every month beginning September at Delray Masonic Lodge, 4093 NW 4th Ave. Boca Raton

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ANNUAL DUES

Dear Brothers and Sisters, a word to remind you that annual dues for 2020 coming due soon. January and February are busy times for your Financial Secretary and Treasurer, with incoming member dues and filings for such things as the Quarterly Per Capital report, insurance payments, etc.. It will be most helpful if members could come to meetings with their checks filled out in advance, or mail them to me directly to me at the address below. This will be a big help in avoiding errors and confusion. Please remember when they are due, but any dues that are unpaid by the end of March, will sadly result in having to drop the member(s) from our rolls. Please do not let that happen. Our dues are \$45/per person/per year. Here is my address if you prefer to send your dues directly to me. All checks should be made out to the Sgt. F. M. Bonanno Lodge #2549. Thanks in advance.

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A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER BY THE
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